

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted under in response to the Official Action (i.e., Paper No. 4) of the Examiner mailed February 9, 2004. Having addressed all objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-20, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to page 3 of the specification. The above amendment is deemed fully responsive to this ground of objection.

Claims 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response thereto, claim 18 has been amended to removed the indefinite language.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 15, and 19 for various informalities. In response thereto, these claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 11-14, and 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,341,352, issued to Child et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Child") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,571,191, issued to York et

al. (hereinafter referred to as "York"). This rejection is respectfully traversed as to the amended claims for the following reasons.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 have been herewith amended to limit the generation of the new unexpired password to one generated in association with a "session attribute" transferred from the user terminal to the data base management system. Neither Child nor York, nor the combination thereof can meet this limitation. As agreed, Child does not provide the new unexpired password. York simply maintains a table of "expired" passwords. The new, unexpired password is therefore not a product of any "session attributes" transferred by the user terminal.

Claims 5, 9, 15, and 19 have been rejected as obvious in view of the alleged combination of Child, York, and Applicants' Admitted Prior Art. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed for failure of the Examiner to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness as required by MPEP 2143.

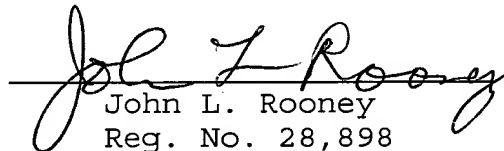
The MAPPER data base management system is completely incompatible with Child and even less compatible with York. The Examiner has presented no evidence of "reasonable likelihood of success". Furthermore, even though the Examiner presents his conclusion, he has provided no evidence with regard to "motivation" as required by MPEP 2143. Therefore the rejection

is respectfully traversed for failure to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-20, being the only pending claims.

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